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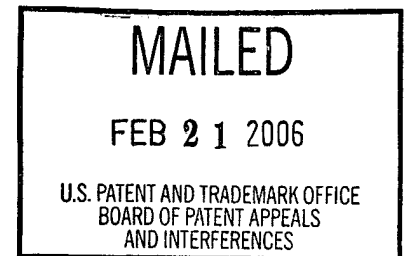
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GARY A. BANNON,
A. WESLEY BURKS, JR.,
HUGH A. SAMPSON, and
HOWARD B. SOSIN

Appeal No. 2006-0992
Application 09/141,220

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL




On December 8, 2003, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On January 13, 2006, appellants filed a communication requesting express abandonment of this application.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed December 8, 2003, is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

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